

Public Involvement

Public involvement is a key element in the transportation planning process. Adequate documentation of this process is essential for a seamless transfer of information from systems planning to project planning and design.

The Albemarle RPO requested the development of a comprehensive transportation plan for Currituck County through a prioritized list of regional needs. A meeting was held with the Currituck County Board of Commissioners in October 2009 to formally initiate the study, provide an overview of the transportation planning process, and to gather input on area transportation needs.

Throughout the course of the study, the Transportation Planning Branch cooperatively worked with the Currituck County Transportation Committee, which included county staff, the RPO and others, to provide information on current local plans, to develop transportation vision and goals, to discuss population and employment projections, and to develop proposed CTP recommendations. Refer to Appendix H for detailed information on the vision statement, the goals and objectives survey and a listing of committee members.

The public involvement process included holding two public drop-in sessions in Currituck County to present the proposed Comprehensive Transportation Plan to the public and solicit comments. The first meeting was held on May 9, 2011 from 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm at Corolla Light Sports Center; the second meeting was held on May 9, 2011 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm at Currituck County Cooperative Extension. Each session was publicized in the local newspaper.

A public hearing was held on July 18, 2011 during the Currituck County Commissioners meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the plan recommendations and to solicit further input from the public. The CTP was adopted during this meeting.

The Albemarle RPO endorsed the CTP on August 24, 2011. North Carolina Department of Transportation mutually adopted the Currituck County CTP on October 6, 2011.